

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
New U.S. Patent Application

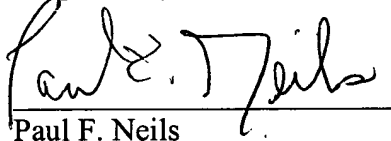
REMARKS

Claims 1-35 presently are pending in the application.

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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